

## REGARDING THE PRIMARY

Col. Joseph Button Tells the History of It.

### THE VIVA VOCE FEATURE

Was Engranted by One of the Most Ardent Advocates of the Primary. The Charges Made Against It.

Colonel Joseph Button, of Appomattox, a member of the State Democratic Committee from the Tenth District, and long secretary of the committee, speaking to a reporter for The Times-Dispatch of the statement published several times, in which it was intimated that the opponents of the primary plan succeeded in engrafting upon it the viva voce feature with the hope of making it unpopular, utterly denies this charge. Several times it has been intimated that the plan was "loaded" by its opponents with the purpose of making it unpopular and thereby securing its repeal.

The Appomattox member of the committee not only characterizes this charge as unfounded, but, as one of the minority faction of the committee, shows that it is not only impossible for the minority to leave such an impression upon the plan. He shows that this feature was engrafted by one of the most ardent friends of the movement for primaries, and that it was adopted with practical, if not absolute, unanimity.

### THE PLAN'S ADOPTION.

At the request of the reporter, Colonel Button thus outlined the history of the adoption of the plan:

The viva voce method of voting in our primary seems to be coming in for a great deal of criticism just now, and the Richmond papers have on several occasions made the charge that "the State committee" opposed to the primary forced the adoption of this feature would prove so unpopular as to kill the whole plan. This assertion is absolutely without foundation, as I shall endeavor to show.

"The gubernatorial convention held in Norfolk in 1901, which was controlled by the advocates of the primary, adopted a resolution making it mandatory upon the State Committee to provide a plan of primary for the nomination of every officer from United States Senator down. The State Committee subsequently met and referred the matter to a subcommittee of ten, one from each congressional district, to be appointed by the State chairman, who was to be ex-officio a member.

"This committee was appointed, and met at Chairman Ellison's home, and there were present Claggett B. Jones, Dr. J. F. Bryant, John S. Harwood, A. D. Watkins, J. M. Hooker, John R. Edmunds, R. Lindsay Gordon, Walter B. Richards and myself. All of the above named gentlemen, with the exception of Judge Watkins, Mr. Hooker and myself, were warm supporters of Governor Montague in the gubernatorial contest, and, therefore, I take it, were in sympathy with the action of the majority in the convention with reference to the primary.

VERE, UNANIMOUS.

"Many plans were presented for our consideration, the subcommittee finally adopting, with some modifications, one drawn by an original advocate of the primary in which was embodied the viva

voce feature. The meeting of the subcommittee was harmonious throughout, and the plan which they presented to the State Central Committee commanded the support of every member of the subcommittee. When it was presented to the State Committee for its consideration, my recollection is that there was absolutely no division as to the viva voce feature, and the only change made was the one striking out that portion which provided for levying assessments upon the candidates to defray the expenses of the primary. This was done under the leadership of Congressman Glass. I do not recall any other change that was made or attempted to be made.

"At a recent meeting of the State Committee some of the original advocates of the primary attempted by resolution to repeal the viva voce feature, but it was voted down, some of those voting against the change holding that the committee had not the power to act upon it, and others, like myself, holding that no change should be made until the entire plan had been given a fair trial in the primaries, which were about to be held.

"In view of these facts, I do not see how it can be honestly charged that the enemies of the primary loaded it down with its friends who were in control in the convention, which declared for it, in the subcommittee which drafted it and in the State Committee which adopted it."

### SONS OF CONFEDERATES

Commander Spence Issues Order on the Coming Reunion.

Division Commander E. Leslie Spence, Jr., has issued the following order to the camps of Confederate Veterans:

(1) In accordance with article iv, section 1, of our constitution, I hereby order a meeting of the Virginia Division, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, at Newport News, October 28, 29 and 30, 1908.

(2) All camps of this division are requested to send delegates to this meeting, each camp being entitled to one delegate for every ten members in good standing, or fraction over five; but no camp with less than two delegates.

(3) All camps of this division are requested to send delegates to the meeting of the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Virginia, which will meet at the same time and place as this division; each camp being entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five members or fraction over fourteen.

(4) In accordance with article vii, of our constitution, the division commander hereby levies the per capita tax of five cents on all members in good standing for the year 1908.

(5) Camps are urgently requested to remit this tax at once to these headquarters, P. O. Box 233, payable to L. W. Ryland, division adjutant, at Newport News, Virginia.

Commandants of camps will order meetings of their respective camps to take action upon this order, and will furnish delegates with the proper credentials.

### JUDGE W. I. CLOPTON NAMED FOR NEW PLACE

Governor Montague yesterday caused commission to issue to Judge W. I. CLOPTON, of the County Court of Chesterfield, to succeed Judge John H. Ingram, who recently resigned to go on the Law and Equity Court of this city. Judge CLOPTON's commission to hold for thirty days after the meeting of the General Assembly in November.

Judge CLOPTON is a most distinguished jurist, and was the unanimous choice of the Manchester bar. He will shortly resign his position as city attorney for Manchester, and will likely be succeeded by Mr. Chas. L. Page. It is not known who will succeed Judge CLOPTON on the bench in Chesterfield, though the Governor will name some one in a few days.

### Capitol and State Library Elevators.

It will be of interest to the public who use the elevators at the Capitol and Library to know that Colonel Richardson, registrar of the land office, has just had them both equipped with new cables and put in first-class condition.

## TO KEEP IT OPEN THE WHOLE WINTER

Some Big Attractions Coming to the West End Electric Park.

The Virginia Amusement Company, lessees of the West End Electric Park, are now preparing plans for keeping that popular resort open all winter, with added attractions. A member of the company left Tuesday for Coney Island, N. Y., for the purpose of concluding negotiations for some of the largest attractions, which have proven so popular in that famous resort, showing here all this winter. If satisfactory terms are concluded, a building as large if not larger than the present Horse Show building will be erected between the Aquarium and the Natatorium, to cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. Owing to the warm weather and great popularity of many of the attractions at Coney Island, that resort is being kept open much later than usual, and one of the demands to be made by the representative of the Electric Park here is that the shows now being negotiated for be here and open to the public in time for the crowd which will attend the Richmond Horse Show, October 18th and 19th.

The local people believe that there will be no trouble in fixing a satisfactory date of opening.

Manager Hartzell, of the West End Electric Park, says the company has already decided to expend \$50,000 in new buildings and shows for both that and Forest Hill Park for next season. Among the new buildings to be erected will be a large band-stand, and a covered board walk from the midway leading to the Natatorium to the Rathskeller.

The concerts now being given by Iardella's band have proven such a drawing card that the amusement company has decided to have two concerts daily during next season.

The fact that no noise is permitted at the park to interfere with the band concerts, and any selection asked is played, has added much to the attraction of Iardella's music-makers.

### Chestnut Hill and Highland Park

Mrs. Paul Redd left Tuesday night to spend several days in Washington. Miss Sue McComb, of Louisa, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Andrew Mosby. Miss Rhyma Long, of North Carolina, will spend the winter with her brother, Mr. B. T. Long.

Miss Jessie Marshall, who has been visiting relatives in Woodstock and Washington, is expected to return in a few days.

Mrs. Charles L. Eubank, who has been quite sick for several days, is greatly improved.

Master Willie Goodall has returned home after spending some time with relatives in King William county.

Mr. Luther Bowman has returned after several days' stay in Washington.

Mrs. Cushman and daughter, of New York, have returned after spending some time with the former's sister, Mrs. Joseph M. Bourqueau, of Chestnut Hill.

Rev. William McWhorter, of Petersburg, spent Tuesday with friends on the Hill.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the new Sunday-school room, which is being added to Market Presbyterian Church. When completed (which will be in the near future) it will be quite an addition to the church.

Miss Maude Livsey has been visiting relatives on the hill this week.

Mr. R. R. Horne and family, of Hanover county, will in a few days take possession of their new home on Fourth Avenue.

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## A GREAT RUSH FOR NEW CHARTERS

Commission Hears Corporations and Charters—Many Social Clubs.

The State Corporation Commission disposed of a great deal of business yesterday aside from giving hearings to the various steamship and electric lines of the State on the subject of rechartering. The commission did not send any representatives, and it is understood that they will be satisfied with the action of the commission.

The only formal speech made was by Mr. W. H. White, of Norfolk, who appeared for the Old Dominion Steamship Company.

The telephone, telegraph and canal companies will be heard to-day, and then the body will proceed to make up the assessment list for the year. Any corporation feeling aggrieved at the assessment may apply to the Circuit Court of Richmond within thirty days to have it revised.

Some very interesting charters were granted by the commission yesterday. The most important one was to the Geo. W. Shaw Co., Lynchburg, whose capital stock was named at \$400,000. Mr. T. P. Beasley is president of the new concern, and it proposes to enlarge its present business in the shoe jobbing trade.

The Swords Creek Coal and Coke Company of Russell county, was incorporated, with a capital stock of \$10,000 to \$25,000, and Mr. C. W. Hall is named as president.

The following social clubs were chartered, all of them proposing to operate in the Tidewater section: Diurnal Swamp Social Club, Deep Creek, Norfolk county; H. S. Croon president; Northwest Social Club, Norfolk county; B. F. Scott president; Berkley Social Club, L. W. Hogler president; Pointier Social Club, Newport News; G. C. Tipton president; Capt. Henry Social Club, Williamsburg; president; Smith's Corner Social Club, Princess Anne county; C. O. Smith president. All these clubs placed their capital stock at the nominal sum of from \$300 to \$1,000.

### At the Theatres

There will be more than a hearty welcome to "Reluctant" when he comes to town to-night. For the show has been highly praised wherever it played last season and still more highly praised in the big cities this season, on account of its rearrangement into a comedy and its many new features added to it.

The play will be seen again at matinee tomorrow and will close to-morrow night.

Here is what the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot said of it yesterday morning:

"When Reluctant comes to town it is just as breezy this year as last, has as many pretty girls who know how to look fetching as all little show girls should, and in the hands of Bert Thayer and a lot of other very clever fun-makers, who do not justice to the innumerable sparkling lines and witty sallies which are in the play abounds.

The musical numbers are well put on and are really bright. While Mayme Gehring is missing, her place is well filled and her absence does not seem to be missed. The play is a typical farce, in so far as the sowing of 'wild oats' is concerned, and his uncle, Reuben Norman, in an Edgar Hallstead, is a comical old curmudgeon, who meant well, but couldn't stand the pressure of a night of town life without going to the bad. Miss Darius, a French girl, simply had to appear natural, and she did this to perfection.

Askin Hall, Annie Lloyd and Carrie Clark, together with the 'Giggie Sisters,' caught the fancy of the house and held it to the end, and may be holding it now, but they're on their feet and there's no use to write more about them.

### Eva Mouniford.

Miss Eva Mouniford and her company will appear at the Academy on Monday matinee and night in the new successful play entitled "When Her Soul Speaks." The play has made an instantaneous and pronounced success. It is well written and has a good plot. The story is a beautiful one, and just as beautifully told. There are four acts, each one a stronger than the other, and by the far the strongest is the last.

It is the story of a woman's life, and in the leading role of "Ruth" Miss Mouniford has a powerfully dramatic character, to who she does full justice, bringing out all its possibilities, and the critics have united in saying that it is a great performance. Miss Mouniford is surrounded by a representative company of players, among whom are included Mr. Elmer Grandin, Mr. Phillips Smalley, Mr. Morgan Hawitt, Edward Barrett, Miss Virginia Bray, Mrs. A. Oakley Hall and Miss Julia Bell.

The surroundings of the play are of a very artistic nature. Special scenery is carried for the production, and the ladies' gowns are of the latest vogue.

### Saratoga.

In "Saratoga," which comes to the Academy soon, Bronson Howard has hit off the foibles and weaknesses of society as seen as the great American Spa during the height of the season. The play has set its seal of approval on Saratoga and besides being America's greatest winter place, it has, on account of its great race track, magnificent gambling palaces and amusement resorts, been called "The Monte Carlo of America." Add to this scene of diversions a diversified class of people and one can readily imagine how the skilled pen of a clever author has evoked humorous situations, laughable omissions and witty, sparkling dialogue.

Miss Flo Trivins' engagement for next week has been cancelled. The popular actress has lost her health.

### CHIMBORAZO CONCLAVE

To Take Possession of New Home Next Week.

Chimborazo Conclave, No. 610, Heptapolis, will on September 28th take possession of their new hall, No. 2524 Broad Street. Upon that occasion a fine programme of musical and literary features will be introduced, and refreshments will be served and remarks will be made by men high up in the order.

### Inspect the Howitzers.

To-night, Colonel J. de la Serna, assistant inspector-general, and Captain W. Myers, of the Richmond Howitzers, will inspect that battery. The heavy arms men will assemble at their armory on North Eighth Street in their best uniforms.

Following the military function a ball will be given, and the friends of the battery are expected to be on hand.

### Asthma Can Be Cured

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